

## REMARKS

Prior to the initial examination of the present application, Applicants wish to have this amendment entered. While adding no new subject matter to the application, Applicants have revised the Specification and Abstract to meet standard U.S. formatting requirements. The claims have been revised to further define the invention.

Given the above amendments to the claims and the comments herein, Applicants respectfully request notice of allowance of all pending claims at the earliest convenience. However, should the Examiner envision further rejection or comment, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

Connecting structures made of a tubular metal element. The structure has a tubular metal element which is connected to the orifice of a chamber. The chamber is made of a thin metal sheet. The structure also has a duct shaped connecting member which is sealed onto the other end of the tubular metal element. The structure may be used for producing fuel cells when the plate which forms parallel channels, is a current collector with gas circulating channels in contact with a proton-exchanging membrane.

